

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2748

Honorable Members  
Twenty-Second Legislature  
State of Hawaii

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill No. 2748, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to State Finances."

The purpose of this bill is to grant civil service status to the employees of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's Business Action Center whose employee position numbers are 102006, 102007, 102008, and 102009.

This bill is objectionable on constitutional grounds because the subject of this bill, as expressed in its title, is "state finances." Section 14 of Article III of the Hawaii Constitution provides that "[e]ach law shall embrace but one subject, which shall be expressed in its title." The provisions in this bill that grant civil service status to certain employees appear to be too remotely related to the expressed subject, "state finances." Additionally, this bill contains duplicate language to Senate Bill No. 3182 also passed by the Twenty-Second Legislature.

For the foregoing reasons, I am returning House Bill No. 2748 without my approval.

Respectfully,

LINDA LINGLE  
Governor of Hawaii